

(NOTE: The same word translated “heathen” in the KJV and “Gentiles” in almost every other version is translated “nations” later in this same verse in every other translation.)

Two aspects of the gospel message Paul presented verses 8-9:

1. The Scriptures each that the gospel message was revealed to Abraham
2. It was always God’s plan to offer salvation by grace through the faith of Jesus Christ to all the people of the world, not just to the Jews

Matt. 25:31 When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne...34 Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

Rev. 5:9 “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

Rev. 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

Acts 3:25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, “And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.” 26 God, having raised up his servant (Jesus Christ), sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.

II. This blessing that God had promised to the nations would come through the seed of Abraham – Jesus Christ.

1 Pet. 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Deut 11:26 See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, 28 and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.

Deut. 27:26 Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.

James 2:10 ...whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Gen. 15:13 Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.

Matt. 26:27 (Jesus) took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

NOTES

GALATIANS PART 10

GAL. 3.8-18

In Galatians 3.6-18, Paul addresses the meaning of the gospel of grace by making three points:

1. Justification has always been by grace through faith
2. That God had always intended for all nations – not just the nation of Israel – to be part of that plan
3. That the blessing would come through the seed of Abraham – not through the nation of Israel per se, but through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in the flesh a descendant of Abraham.

Last week we addressed the first point in our study of verses 6-7. Today, we continue with points two and three.

III. God always intended for all nations to be part of the plan of redemption. Gal. 3.8-9

Gen. 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Gal. 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

The Scriptures record that, since God had always determined that the nations (every tongue, tribe, and people group) would be justified by faith, He announced this good news to Abraham by saying to him, “In you all nations shall be blessed.”